(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KM. SELJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The eligibility criteria are same as in the case of students for regular courses.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) these centres are, I.P. College, Jesus and Mary College, Laxmibai College, Kalindi College, S. P. Mukherjee College, Vivekananda Mahila College, Janki Devi Mahavidyalaya, Mata Sundari College and Maitrey College. Each centre functions under the overall supervision of the Principal of the College with a teacher of the College looking after all academic, administrative and other activities of the centre. In each centre the teacher incharge is assisted by a few emoloyees of the college on a part time basis.

(e) Attendance is not obligatory.

(f) to (h) The University of Delhi has reported that the teacher incharge has signed the quorum attendance register for each class conducted by differenet teachers. The University has also not received any complaint from the students in this behalf.

Promoting Community Colleges by UGC

4956. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether University Grants Commission propose to promote Community Colleges in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof with background;

(c) whether such move would provide scope of education to weaker sections of all communities;

(d) whether such move would also raise the educational standard of the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KM. SELJA): (a) to (e) According to the information furnished by UGC, a feasibility study on 'Community Colleges' has been conducted by a Committee constituted by the Commission for the purpose. The matter is under further consideration of the UGC.

Grant of autonomous status to Colleges

4957. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to grant autonomous status to colleges in different universities;

(b) what are the guidelines for allowing such colleges to function; and

(c) how many colleges are permited by Government to run as autonomous colleges?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KM. SELJA): (a) The National Policy on Education,